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These documents were cited in a European Search Report received in connection with what is believed to be a foreign counterpart application to the present application. A copy of the IPER (with English language translation) dated May 31, 2003 is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

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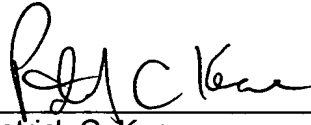
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